



Governor Judy Martz

Montana

Department of Labor and Industry

Workforce Services Division

June 4, 2004

Ms. Christine Kulick
USDOL/ETA
Office of Workforce Investment
Division of One-Stop Operations
Room S4231
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

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Dear Ms. Kulick:

Enclosed is Montana's waiver request to extend the implementation of the subsequent eligibility process for Eligible Training Providers as described in the Workforce Investment Act, Section 122 (c)(5) and WIA Regulations 663.530 until June 30, 2005.

This postponement will allow Montana to better determine the most effective and efficient method of collecting the training providers' performance data as well as alleviate our providers' concerns with the types and amount of information being requested. Montana fully supports the concepts of consumer choice and program accountability as directed in the Workforce Investment Act and believes that this postponement will allow our providers and us to meet those goals. Implementation of the subsequent eligibility determination process would continue throughout the year with a final implementation date of June 30, 2005.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact Kate Kahle, MIS Program Specialist at (406) 444-9043.

Thank you for your consideration of our waiver request.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Childress, Administrator
Workforce Services Division



State of Montana
Waiver Request
Workforce Investment Act
Subsequent Eligibility Determination of Eligible Training Providers

The Montana Department of Labor and Industry (MDLI), the State administrative entity for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), is requesting an extension of the original waiver submitted to DOL-ETA on March 2, 2004 to postpone the implementation of the Subsequent Eligibility Determination process for Eligible Training Providers. We request an extension until June 30, 2005.

We request this waiver extension so that Montana can better determine the most effective and efficient method of collecting the training providers' performance data as well as alleviate our providers' concerns with the types and amounts of information being requested. Many of Montana's training providers have expressed their concerns with the cost and time involved in developing a reporting system which will gather information relating to wages and/or placement of those individuals participating in their programs. These concerns affect those participants who received assistance under WIA as well as all other individuals participating in the applicable program.

This postponement will also allow Montana the opportunity to complete the design of our ETP website. This website will be available to all participants, training providers, and service providers and will allow them to view training information, eligibility status, and on-line application submission.

The goals and outcomes of the March 2, 2004 waiver remain the same.

This waiver is being requested in the format described in WIA Section 189 (i) (4) (B) and WIA Regulations 661.420.